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For	:	METHODS AND DEVICES FOR PROVIDING PROLONGED DRUG THERAPY)	PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

This preliminary amendment is presented for entry in the above-identified application prior to examination. Please enter this amendment into the record of the above-identified application, make the indicated amendments, and pass the application to issue at the earliest convenience of the Patent and Trademark Office.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 35-74 as follows:

35. (new) The dosage form described in claim 18 further comprising sorbitol in the at least one layer containing drug.

36. (new) The dosage form described in claim 35 wherein said sorbitol amount is at least a 20% by weight of said layer containing drug.

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